

counsel, as well as Lacey Oliver, an intern on my Finance Committee staff, and John Kalitka, a former detail to my Finance Committee trade staff from the Department of Commerce, for their work on trade adjustment assistance.

Our work has been supported by the substantial efforts of dedicated professionals at the Department of Labor, and my appreciation there begins with Erin Fitzgerald in the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, as well as Mark Morin and Lois Zuckerman in the Office of the Solicitor, and Erica Cantor, the administrator of the Office of National Response. I also want to thank Mason Bishop, Blake Hanlon, and Geoffrey Burr, formerly of the Department of Labor, as well as Justin McCarthy and John Bailey, formerly on the White House staff of the previous administration.

I mentioned that Chairman BAUCUS and I have been engaged in joint oversight of the trade adjustment assistance programs since 2002, and our oversight has included requesting a series of reports from the Government Accountability Office to examine various aspects of the operation of these programs. Among current and former personnel at the Government Accountability Office who merit special recognition for their hard work are Sigurd Nilsen, Dianne Blank, Lorin Obler, and Wayne Sylvia.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort of our House and Senate legislative counsels to deliver timely drafts and constructive critiques of proposed legislative provisions. On the House side I want to thank Sandra Strokoff and Mark Synnes, and here in the Senate I want to thank our experts on customs and international trade law, Polly Craighill and Margaret Roth-Warren.

As you can see, today's achievement is the result of the dedication, hard work, and commitment of many individuals. It is the culmination of years of effort, and I am confident that the result will serve to benefit American workers in Iowa and across the United States for years to come.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, although I voted against the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act on the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, the so-called stimulus bill, and on the adoption of the conference report to H.R. 1, I must acknowledge the courtesies and thoughtful leadership of the Appropriations Committee by the distinguished Senator from Hawaii, Mr. INOUE.

He carried out his responsibilities as chairman of our committee in a fair minded way that reflected credit on the Senate.

This legislation was written by our committee, but in many respects it reflected the attitude and interests of the other body. The bill in my opinion creates too many new programs and policies that will have a major impact on the Federal budget for years to come.

Our Nation faces an economic emergency, but a health information program is not an emergency and should not have been included in this bill. Upgrading the elective grid is not an emergency and neither is improving our Nation's scientific capacity, but they should have been considered in the President's budget request and through a deliberative congressional process.

There are many things like this that should not have been included in this bill.

The process has been anything but deliberative.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask we now go to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### HONORING JOE BURKE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Mr. Joseph "Joe" Burke for his 33 years of service with the U.S. Capitol Police.

Joe was raised and educated in Pennsylvania and Virginia. He attended Moravia College in Pennsylvania and graduated with a degree in criminal justice. Joe's studies didn't occupy all his time while at Moravia; he was an extremely talented baseball player and tried out for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

After choosing a career in law enforcement, Joe joined the U.S. Capitol Police on December 8, 1975. He served in several positions within the department before finding his true calling—the Containment and Emergency Response Team, CERT, in 1981.

Joe was among the original members of CERT upon its inception in 1981. The tryouts for CERT were strenuous; held at the FBI Academy, they consisted of shooting drills, running an obstacle course and jumping into a pool with a rubber gun before swimming the length of the pool. The Unit started with three five-man teams that train twice a month. This modest beginning has grown into the CERT we see today—a highly trained, full-time tactical team.

Over the years, Joe has remained committed to serving the congressional community. He has served during several challenging periods for the Capitol Police including the tragic shooting at the Capitol, the attacks on September 11, 2001, and the anthrax mailings. Joe's experience was invaluable during big events, too—the state funerals of Presidents Reagan and Ford, demonstrations, eight Presidential Inaugurations and numerous State of the Union Addresses.

Joe Burke's experience and service have helped CERT become a SWAT team that ranks among the top teams in the country. He is responsible for many of the programs currently used by the Capitol Police to train CERT personnel.

Joe has been recognized for his leadership and efforts to develop an enhanced and professional tactical team and for his work with area teams to develop response and coverage capabilities across the region.

Mr. President, Joe Burke retired from the U.S. Capitol Police on January 3, 2009. I would like to thank him for his years of service to the congressional community and ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Joe well in his retirement.

#### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP RULES OF PROCEDURE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, Senate Standing Rule XXVI requires each committee to adopt rules to govern the procedures of the committee and to publish those rules in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD not later than March 1 of the first year of each Congress. Today, February 12, 2009, the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship held a business meeting during which the members of the committee unanimously adopted rules to govern the procedures of the committee. Consistent with Standing Rule XXVI, I am submitting for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of the rules of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for the 111th Congress.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### RULES FOR THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP—111TH CONGRESS

##### GENERAL

All applicable provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Senate Resolutions, and the Legislative Reorganization Acts of 1946 and of 1970 (as amended), shall govern the Committee.

##### MEETINGS

(a) The regular meeting day of the Committee shall be the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise directed by the Chair. All other meetings may be called by the Chair as he or she deems necessary, on 5 business days notice where practicable. If at least three Members of the Committee desire the Chair to call a special meeting, they may file in the office of the Committee a written request therefore, addressed to the Chair. Immediately thereafter, the Clerk of the Committee shall notify the Chair of such request. If, within 3 calendar days after the filing of such request, the Chair fails to call the requested special meeting, which is to be held within 7 calendar days after the filing of such request, a majority of the Committee Members may file in the Office of the Committee their written notice that a special Committee meeting will be held, specifying the date, hour and place thereof, and the Committee shall meet at that time and place. Immediately upon the filing of such notice, the Clerk of the Committee shall notify all Committee Members that such special meeting will be held and inform them of its date, hour and place. If the Chair is not present at any regular, additional or special meeting, such member of the Committee as the Chair shall designate shall preside.

(b) It shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the